

## TRADITIONAL WORSHIP SERVICE 2-5-12

Words of Welcome & Announcements

\*Call to Worship

L: Come, listen to the story

**C: Of God's love and grace.**

L: Come, tell the story

**C: Of Jesus' life and saving work.**

L: Come, experience the story

**C: Of the Spirit's renewing power. Come, let us listen, tell and experience the Good News together!**

Hymn #139 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

Psalter 147 p. 859

(The red "R" calls for the sung response by the congregation.)

Prayer of Confession (Unison)

Holy One, we are weary, we often believe we are alone, and we feel caught on a treadmill we can't get off. We're running a race -- but we don't know where the finish line is, or have any idea what the prize is for completing the race. We have taken our eyes off you, the one who designed the course and sets the pace. Rather than setting our sights on you, rather than determining our priorities through our faith, we have allowed ourselves to be led by the values of the society, and whatever new shiny thing grabs our attention. Forgive us for our lack of faith. Help us to turn back to you -- the source of our existence and our strength. Trusting in your providence, confident you will carry us in times of sorrow, assured you will provide all the strength we need. Amen.

*(Silent Reflection & Prayer of Assurance)*

Prayer of Assurance (NOT PRINTED OR ON SCREEN, BUT FOR THE LITURGIST)

Beloved, Isaiah says, "Have you not heard? The LORD is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He does not faint or grow weary; his understanding is unsearchable." The God who created you and knows you by name sent his only Son to redeem you, and not to condemn. In Jesus Christ, you are forgiven. Alleluia! Amen.

(IF THE LITURGIST WANTS TO SHARE SOMETHING ELSE HERE, YOU MAY)

Lord's Prayer:

Anthem

Offertory:

\*Doxology Give Thanks

Pastoral Prayer

Focus Scripture        Isaiah 40:21-31 (NLT)

21 Have you never heard or understood? Are you deaf to the words of God -- the words he gave before the world began? Are you so ignorant? 22 It is God who sits above the circle of the earth. The people below must seem to him like grasshoppers! He is the one who spreads out the heavens like a curtain and makes his tent from them. 23 He judges the great people of the world and brings them all to nothing. 24 They hardly get started, barely taking root, when he blows on them and their work withers. The wind carries them off like straw. 25 "To whom will you compare me? Who is my equal?" asks the Holy One. 26 Look up into the heavens. Who created all the stars? He brings them out one after another, calling each by its name. And he counts them to see that none are lost or have strayed away. 27 O Israel, how can you say the LORD does not see your troubles? How can you say God refuses to hear your case? 28 Have you never heard or understood? Don't you know that the LORD is the everlasting God, the Creator of all the earth? He never grows faint or weary. No one can measure the depths of his understanding. 29 He gives power to those who are tired and worn out; he offers strength to the weak. 30 Even youths will become exhausted, and young men will give up. 31 But those who wait on the LORD will find new strength. They will fly high on wings like eagles. They will run and not grow weary. They will walk and not faint.

Sermon: The Unweary Runner

Hymn #143 On Eagle's Wings (sing 2X)

Holy Communion

\*Hymn #127 Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

Benediction & Three-Fold "Amen"

**THE SUMMIT  
WORSHIP SERVICE**

Gathering Music

Words of Welcome and Announcements

Song Set

Children's Moment

God's Word for Us - Isaiah 40:21-31 (NLT)

Message: The Unweary Runner

Holy Communion

Song Set